

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed April 13, 2006, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-12, 23-72, drawn to a composition comprising egg shell membrane.
- Group II: Claims 13-22, 73-89, drawn to a composition comprising at least one active ingredient from a marine source.
- Group III: Claims 90-99, drawn to a nutraceutical composition comprising egg shell membrane.
- Group IV: Claims 100-109, 111-114 drawn to a method of improving skin condition.
- Group V: Claims 107-110, 112-114, drawn to a method of treating tissue wounds.

Group VI: Claims 107, 115-120, drawn to a method of treating in an inflammatory disease.

Group VII: Claims 107, 115, 116, 121-124, drawn to a method of treating an inflammatory disease with a composition comprising at least one active ingredient from a marine source.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (i.e., 1-12, 23-72) without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining non-elected inventions in divisional applications.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's agent at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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